

REMARKS

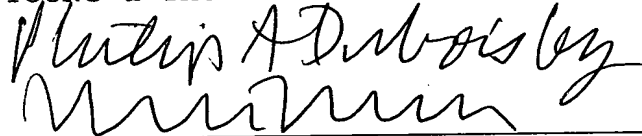
Claims 1-30 remain in this application. Claims 15-17 have been amended to remove any multiple dependencies.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Philip A. DuBois". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

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